Victoria Park
Infant School

Every day, each and every one of us try our best to be... STARS

5th October

I want to start by thanking you for such a positive start to our school year. It is lovely to see so many relationships developing, not just between the children but the grown-ups too! I really think that that is one of the things that makes our school so special: how the families come together and support each other too.

Our Word of the Week, this week is a very, very important word in our school:

unique / uniqueness

When we talk about being a unique person, it is about being one of a kind, a true individual. From physical appearances and innate traits, talents and interests, values and beliefs, personality and character, to life experiences and learning styles; no two people are the same. Not even twins!

Our weekly celebration of a classmate in school, encourages the children to think about the special qualities of that individual: Qualities that make them unique: Stand out. Special. However, for young children, uniqueness can be a bit scary as they can perceive themselves as 'different'. It is important that children learn to appreciate their own uniqueness and respect differences in others, in order to become compassionate, confident and respectful individuals. Please help your child to think about the word unique this week. Help them to see how they are unique and what makes other people, places and things unique too.

Extra information:

- October is Black History Month and we will be celebrating it in school in ways that are meaningful and accessible to the children. Through Art, stories, biographies and music we will actively promote a more inclusive understanding of history and ensure that the stories of Black individuals from the past and present, are recognised and celebrated.
- I want to highlight that we have adopted a whole-school approach to allergy management. All staff have been trained on recognising signs of an allergic reaction, managing anaphylaxis and using adrenaline auto-injectors. We have an allergy safety policy and have emergency response plans in place. However, we need your help to manage risk: please do not send nuts or nut-based products, such as bars containing nuts, into school. Your support is invaluable. There are other allergies in school and we take every precaution to stop children from sharing food, utensils and containers
- Tuesday is individual photograph day. If you wish to have your child photographed with their siblings, please arrive at school after 8.30. Come in via the school office and please be aware that there may be wait while other families have their photograph taken. Individual photographs will be taken throughout the day.
- We have noticed a significant improvement in children arriving before the school bell rings; It is a much nicer way for them to start their school day. Thank you for your support with this. Mr Cartwright is our Learning Mentor in school. If you are having any difficulties regarding attendance or punctuality, please give the office a ring to make an appointment to speak with him to see how we can support you.

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